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SENATOR BROWN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So, let's speculate that a city in Washington County would merge with Douglas County. And Douglas County and this city would decide that they want to be a home rule charter county, and they go through all the steps, whatever they are, and become a home rule charter county. So we have a little plug of that home rule charter county, which is a part of Douglas County, former Douglas County, extending or intruding into Washington County. Is that little plug which is now a part of this new governing...it is now governed by this new governing body a part of Washington County or is it a part of this new entity?

SENATOR BROWN: Senator, I think that when we...if we would approve this, if the voters would approve it, when we would develop enabling language, the enabling legislation, we could deal with those kinds of specifics. I don't know that I can deal with those kinds of specifics around this language.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I agree with you. Thank you, Senator Brown. Members of the Legislature, we have to keep in mind what LR 45CA does currently. And I say again I'm not intending to vote for it. But I don't want it to become a greater monstrosity than it is already because there's a possibility the Legislature may vote to put it on the ballot...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...and there's a possibility the public may vote for it. So I don't want things added to it that can cause damage. I say again, Senator Brown, that I've seen the Legislature knuckle under too many times to special interest groups. They cannot stand up to a business so I don't know that they'd be able to stand up to these other entities. I am opposed to Senator Brown's amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator. Senator Jones. The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I see five hands. The question before you is shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, all those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Senator Jones. Senator Jones